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SUBJECT: ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER'S REMARKS RE PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS JAILED IN PARAGUAY

## FROM LANDAU

1. PARAGUAY'S MASS CIRCULATION MORNING PAPER ABC PROMINENTLY QUOTES FROM AP STORY DATELINED JERUSALEM, APRIL 11, REPORTING ON A SPEECH GIVEN BY DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN. THE FOLLOWING QUOTE RECEIVED MUCH PROMINENCE HERE.

QUOTE. DEFENSE MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN SAID THAT THE BLACK SEPTEMBER ORGANIZATIONHAS COMMITTED 105 MURDERS IN WHICH 13 OF ITS OWN MEMBERS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES. BUT HE ADDED THAT OF THE 90 SEPTEMBRISTS CAPTUREED, 80 HAVE BEEN PLACED AT LIBERTY, EIGHT ARE DETAILED IN ISRAEL AND TWO IN PARAGUAY. UNQUOTE.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, TWO PALESTINIAN TERRORISTS ARE BEING HELD IN ASUNCION PRISON, SINCE 1970 MURDER OF SECRETARY TO ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. I CONSIDER THIS SPECIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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REFERENCE TO PARAGUAY ILL-TIMED AND EXTREMELY UNHELPFUL TO OUR SECURITY PROBLEM.

3. ACTION REQUESTED. THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT THE DAYAN SPEECH RECEIVED GREAT PUBLICITY IN PARAGUAY. ASIDE FROM ENDANGERING THE ISRAELI MISSION HERE IT WAS EXTREMELY UNHELPFUL TO THIS EMBASSY'S SECURITY PROBLEM AND CAN ONLY CAUSE TROUBLE TO THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT. I HOPE THAT IN THE FUTURE ISRAELI PUBLIC STATEMENTS WILL REFRAIN FROM HIGHLIGHTING THE FACT THAT ARAB TERRORISTS ARE IN JAIL IN PARAGUAY. LANDAU UNQUOTE ROGERS

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